



General Assembly

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***Proposed Bill No. 478***

LCO No. 2209

Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:

SEN. BYE, 5th Dist.

REP. GODFREY, 110th Dist.

***AN ACT CONCERNING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN  
AND YOUNG ADULTS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That the general statutes be amended to require: (1) The Healthcare
- 2 Advocate to assist persons with information concerning mental health
- 3 services, including reimbursement for services and referrals, (2)
- 4 professional development training for teachers and other school
- 5 employees concerning the signs of children's behavioral, social and
- 6 emotional health issues that would warrant a referral for services, (3)
- 7 school boards to establish a relationship with providers of community-
- 8 based mental health services, (4) the Departments of Mental Health
- 9 and Addiction Services and Children and Families to provide services
- 10 for young adults including school-based mental health services, and
- 11 (5) the Departments of Mental Health and Addiction Services and
- 12 Children and Families to identify hospital beds and supportive
- 13 housing units available for children and young adults with mental
- 14 health needs.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To provide proactive mental health services for the children and young adults with the greatest need.